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DEPT FOR ASST SECRETARY TODMAN FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PN, CO
SUBJ: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR CANAL ZONE TREATY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE LATE THIS AFTERNOON FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SIGNING CEREMONY. I REVIEWED AGAIN FOR HIM THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN STATE 200243 AND HE ASKED WHETHER WE WERE NOW ABLE TO PIN DOWN THE DATES. I SAID THAT I HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AND REITERATED THAT AT PRESENT CEREMONY WAS EXPECTED TAKE PLACE BETWEEN SEPT 6 AND 9. LIEVANO THEN COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ WOULD ATTEND "IN ANY CASE", NO MATTER WHAT THE DATE.

2. LIEVANO WAS IN JOVIAL MOOD AND OBVIOUSLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROSPECT OF SIGNING CEREMONY ATTENDED BY LA CHIEFS OF STATE. HE TOLD ME THAT DURING THE BOGOTA "SUMMIT" TWO WEEKS AGO, THE PARTICIPANTS HAD AGREED THAT WHEN A US-PANAMA ACCORD WAS REACHED, COLOMBIA SHOULD PROPOSE THAT ALL LA CHIEFS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT BE PRESENT AT THE SIGNING OF THE NEW TREATY. SINCE EVENTS HAD MEANWHILE MOVED SO FAST, COLOMBIA
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WAS NOW CONSIDERING SIMPLY INFORMING ALL OTHER LA NATIONS THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PLANNED TO ATTEND THE SIGNING CEREMONY TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON AROUND SEPT 6-9. LIEVANO EXPLAINED THAT IN THIS MANNER COLOMBIA WOULD BE DISCHARGING THE RESPONSIBILITIES LEVIED ON IT AT THE SUMMIT. LIEVANO ASKED ME TO CONTACT WASHINGTON URGENTLY TO INQUIRE

WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY USG OVJECTION TO THE COURSE
OF ACTION OUTLINED ABOVE.

3. COMMENT:

WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS ASAP. OBVIOUSLY,
GOC WANTS TO GET INTO THIS DRAMATIC ACT AND PROBABLY HAS
IN MIND TRYING TO UPSTAGE
AT LEAST ONE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. LIEVANO
NOTED THAT WE HAD IN MIND INVITATIONS FROM PRES CARTER
AND PRESIDENT TORRIJOS" UNDER THE OAS UMBRELLA" BUT
DID NOT HIMSELF ELABORATE ON
GOC IDEA OF INFORMING "ALL" LA NATIONS OF PRES LOPEZ"
PLANS.
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